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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (FIRST STREET)**

10 **FREDIUM AMIR BAHADORI,**

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 **CITY OF TORRANCE, A**  
14 **Governmental Entity; Police Officer**  
15 **RIOS; Police Officer STEVENS; and**  
16 **DOES 1 through 20, Inclusive**

17 Defendant(s)

18 **CITY OF TORRANCE, a Municipal**  
19 **Corporation; Officer RIOS; Officer**  
20 **STEVENS**

21 Third Party Plaintiffs,

22 vs.

23 **HERTZ VEHICLES LLC, a**  
24 **Delaware Company; and ROES 1**  
25 **through 100, Inclusive,**

26 Third Party Defendant(s)

27 **AND CROSS-RELATED ACTIONS.**  
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**CASE NO. 2:18-cv-07907 CJC (SKx)**

**Hon. Cormac J. Carney**  
**Courtroom 7C – First Street**

**Hon. Steve Kim, Magistrate Judge**  
**Courtroom 540 – Roybal, Temple Street**

**[DISCOVERY MATTER]**

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE**  
**ORDER RE CONFIDENTIAL**  
**DOCUMENTS**

*Complaint filed: September 11, 2018*

*Third Party Complaint filed:*

*November 28, 2018*

*Counter-Claim filed:*

*January 15 2019*

*Trial date:*

*February 25, 2020*

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Stipulation for Protective  
2 Order re Confidential Documents is approved and granted as follows:

3 1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

4 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,  
5 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public  
6 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation  
7 may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition  
8 the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties  
9 acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all  
10 disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from  
11 public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items  
12 that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal  
13 principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3,  
14 below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file  
15 confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the  
16 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied  
17 when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

18 B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

19 The parties acknowledge that there are certain types of documents and  
20 records that may potentially be discoverable or relevant in this action but  
21 whose discovery may be complicated or prohibited by issues of  
22 confidentiality, intellectual property, work product protections, or various  
23 privileges: such documents potentially include but are not limited to  
24 police/peace officer personnel files, including Internal Affairs (“IA”)  
25 investigation file documents, and comparable official government  
26 information; medical records for any natural person who is a party to this  
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1 action; tax and/or financial records; and comparable records that one  
2 typically treats as confidential in the normal course of business or affairs.

3 In light of the foregoing, the parties further acknowledge that, absent a  
4 protective order to limit the use or publication of such documents, in order to  
5 preserve the parties' respective interests, the parties might otherwise  
6 withhold certain documents from production or disclosure, which can then  
7 result in costly discovery disputes potentially requiring Court intervention.

8 Torrance Defendants further contend that: (1) absent a Pitchess  
9 motion and court order thereon (or comparable discovery order),  
10 police/peace officer personnel records – including internal affairs  
11 investigation files and related complaints, statements, and records – are  
12 deemed confidential and preserved from disclosure under California state  
13 law (e.g., California Penal Code §§ 832.7 and 832.8; California Evidence  
14 Code §§ 1040, 1043, and 1045); and (2) police/peace officer personnel  
15 records are also deemed confidential and private by federal decisional law  
16 (e.g., *Sanchez v. Santa Ana Police Department*, 936 F.2d 1027, 1033-1034  
17 (9th Cir. 1990)).

18 Torrance Defendants further contend that police/peace officer  
19 personnel files and internal affairs investigation files include information  
20 which is both personal in nature and which could potentially impact the  
21 liberty interests of the involved police/peace officers named within those  
22 files.

23 Torrance Defendants further contend that individual peace officers  
24 have an interest in protecting their own privacy rights relating to  
25 investigations and other information in their personnel files. Torrance  
26 Defendants further contend that investigations and information in peace  
27 officer personnel files affect peace officers' ability to remain employed, to  
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1 transfer to other law enforcement agencies, and/or to become employed as  
2 law enforcement officers again in the future.

3 As to each of the paragraphs that include contentions stated only by  
4 Torrance Defendants (e.g., “Torrance Defendants contend...”), Plaintiff and  
5 Hertz do not agree with these contentions and in no way concede(s) or  
6 stipulate(s) to any of those arguments or contentions.

7 Torrance Defendants further contend that unfettered release of internal  
8 affairs investigation files and/or peace officer personnel file records has the  
9 potential for untold negative results.

10 Torrance Defendants contend that the TORRANCE POLICE  
11 DEPARTMENT (hereinafter as the “Police Department”) has the  
12 responsibility for conducting internal affairs investigations and maintaining  
13 documents related to internal affairs investigations involving the applicable  
14 law enforcement agency’s officers. Internal affairs investigation files often  
15 become part of the subject peace officer’s personnel file.

16 Torrance Defendants contend that random and uncontrolled  
17 dissemination of internal affairs investigation files, in particular, could  
18 greatly harm peace officers who serve the citizens of the CITY OF  
19 TORRANCE (hereafter as the “City”).

20 Torrance Defendants further contend that law enforcement agencies,  
21 including the Police Department, do not routinely share information  
22 contained in internal affairs or other investigations about its employees, or  
23 other information contained in peace officer personnel or internal affairs  
24 files, unless ordered to do so by a court of jurisdiction. Torrance Defendants  
25 further contend that within the Police Department, access to personnel and  
26 internal affairs files is restricted to those on a “need to know” basis.

27 Torrance Defendants contend that controlled access to the files is regarded  
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1 by the Police Department as essential in order to assure the integrity and  
2 security of such files.

3 Torrance Defendants contend that uncontrolled disclosure of  
4 information gathered during an Internal Affairs Division investigation, and  
5 internal affairs or police investigation case file information generally, can  
6 disrupt the vital, day-to-day operations of the Police Department, erode the  
7 integrity and security of the files, affect the morale of Police Department or  
8 its personnel, and frustrate the legitimate purposes of gathering the  
9 information in these files.

10 Torrance Defendants contend that information contained in an internal  
11 affairs investigation case file is gathered and maintained in confidence by  
12 the law enforcement agency that is the custodian of records of such files,  
13 including the Police Department. Torrance Defendants further contend that  
14 the information gathered in these case files includes the statements of third  
15 party witnesses that were collected in confidence. Torrance Defendants  
16 further contend that witnesses are told that the confidentiality of their  
17 statements will be protected and that such statements are for the confidential  
18 use of the law enforcement agency that collected them. Torrance Defendants  
19 further contend that these files often contain embarrassing facts. At a  
20 minimum, Torrance Defendants contend that uncontrolled release of such  
21 case files would cause a needless intrusion of privacy rights. Torrance  
22 Defendants further contend that the ability to collect third party witness  
23 statements in confidence is essential in order to have honest and open  
24 discussions that advance legitimate law enforcement interests such as  
25 investigations of misconduct or of crimes.

26 Torrance Defendants contend that internal affairs investigation files  
27 are reviewed by appropriate command officers in the law enforcement  
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1 agency that is the custodian of records of such files, including the Police  
2 Department, for several reasons, including: (1) to determine whether the  
3 involved officers violated any official or government/law enforcement  
4 agency policies or procedures; (2) to determine whether administrative  
5 discipline and/or retraining of the involved officers is necessary; and (3) to  
6 ascertain if Police Department policies and procedures in areas such as  
7 supervision, training, and tactics should be modified. Torrance Defendants  
8 further contend that internal affairs investigation files are an essential  
9 instrument for the law enforcement agency that is the custodian of records of  
10 such files, including the Police Department, which the Police Department  
11 and/or the City uses to conduct a careful, critical self-evaluation, so that it  
12 may better serve the citizens of the City, as applicable. Torrance Defendants  
13 further contend that honest and candid analysis and discussion is necessary  
14 to determine whether errors were committed and to prevent further mistakes,  
15 if any are discovered. However, Torrance Defendants contend that  
16 widespread dissemination of internal affairs files may discourage frank  
17 discussions about internal matters in the future and may prevent remedial  
18 measures.

19 Torrance Defendants contend that the ability of the law enforcement  
20 agency that is the custodian of records of such internal affairs investigation  
21 files, including the Police Department and the City, to engage in critical self-  
22 analysis will be greatly inhibited by random and uncontrolled release of  
23 information from internal affairs investigation files. Torrance Defendants  
24 further contend that it is not unusual that statements made to officers  
25 investigating internal affairs matters, such as allegations of officer  
26 misconduct, include those statements that are against the self-interest of the  
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1 interviewed witnesses – often against the penal interests of those involved,  
2 as statements given could lead to criminal liability.

3 Torrance Defendants further contend that peace officers do not have  
4 the same rights as the typical citizen when submitting to an internal affairs  
5 investigation interview. Torrance Defendants further contend that though  
6 peace officers may invoke their Fifth Amendment right against self-  
7 incrimination, they are compelled under Lybarger to give a statement in  
8 order to remain employed. Torrance Defendants further contend that  
9 investigators performing an internal affairs investigation inform officers that  
10 they must cooperate in the investigation and that a failure to cooperate will  
11 subject them to discipline, up to and including discharge from office.

12 Torrance Defendants further contend that California law authorizes this  
13 procedure and prevents statements so obtained from being used in any  
14 subsequent criminal proceeding. Torrance Defendants contend that it is  
15 contrary to the principles of fundamental fairness to allow unfettered release  
16 of internal affairs investigation case files when an officer's statement has  
17 been so compelled, especially when the plaintiff is not requesting this type  
18 of release. Additionally, Torrance Defendants further contend that unfettered  
19 exposure of information in internal affairs investigation files could threaten  
20 the safety and well-being of the individuals who provide such information,  
21 as well as the safety and well-being of their families and their associates.

22 Torrance Defendants contend that the interest in having critical self-  
23 analysis held by the citizens of the City outweighs Plaintiff's interest, if any,  
24 in an uncontrolled release. Plaintiff and Hertz disagree(s) with these  
25 contentions and in no way concedes to any of these arguments. Plaintiff and  
26 Hertz, through their counsel, have executed this Stipulation and [Proposed]  
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1 Protective Order, and are therefore not requesting this type of uncontrolled  
2 release.

3 Torrance Defendants further contend that though Plaintiff and Hertz  
4 may be entitled to examine the information in select peace officer files for  
5 the purposes of Plaintiff's own personal lawsuit(s), there is no other valid  
6 reason to have a copy of a peace officer's personnel file, and Torrance  
7 Defendants contend that a protective order is necessary to prevent random  
8 distribution of such information if and when disclosed for the reasons stated  
9 herein above. This Stipulation and [Proposed] Protective Order thus also  
10 requires each plaintiff to this action to return the documents produced at the  
11 conclusion of this lawsuit. Torrance Defendants contend that this  
12 requirement ensures that the intrusion into the privacy, employment, and  
13 other rights of those involved is limited to the particular case in which the  
14 facts are relevant.

15 As to each of the paragraphs that includes contentions stated only by  
16 Torrance Defendants (e.g., "Torrance Defendants contend..."), Plaintiff and  
17 Hertz do not agree with these contentions and in no way concede(s) or  
18 stipulate(s) to any of those arguments or contentions.

19 Torrance Defendants further contend that the aforementioned  
20 privilege and/or confidentiality interests in Confidential Documents, as  
21 applicable, are of such significance that there is a particularized need for  
22 their protection by Court Order, particularly in light of the fact that a mere  
23 agreement or stipulation between the parties cannot provide an adequate  
24 remedy at law for disclosure of Confidential Documents in that the  
25 aforementioned negative effects from disclosure cannot be adequately  
26 remedied by damages.  
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1 In the interest of judicial economy and economy to the parties, the  
2 parties further acknowledge and agree to seek a protective order that permits  
3 designation of specific subject documents and records after the entry of the  
4 protective order, in a manner consistent with this Stipulation.

5 Therefore, in light of the foregoing, the parties agree that certain types  
6 of Confidential Documents, records, and/or information should be the  
7 subject of a protective order by the Court. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Hertz,  
8 by and through their attorneys of records in this action, further agree not to  
9 oppose Torrance Defendants' statement of Good Cause for the sole purpose  
10 of obtaining a protective order that permits the designation of certain  
11 documents and/or information as "CONFIDENTIAL." Accordingly, the  
12 parties, by and through their attorneys of record in this action, hereby  
13 respectfully request that the honorable Court issue an Order with the  
14 procedural protections listed herein below.

15 2. DEFINITIONS

16 2.1 Action: This pending federal lawsuit, *Fredium Amir Bahadori*  
17 *v. City of Torrance, et al.*, Case No. 2:18 CV 07907-JCJ (SKx), and pending  
18 state lawsuit *Fredium Amir Bahadori v. The Hertz Corporation*, Case No.  
19 18STCV02007.

20 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the  
21 designation of information or items under this Order.

22 2.3 "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items: information  
23 (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things  
24 that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and  
25 as specified above in the Good Cause Statement.

26 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as  
27 well as their support staff).  
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1           2.5   Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates  
2 information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to  
3 discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

4           2.6   Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information,  
5 regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or  
6 maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and  
7 tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses  
8 to discovery in this matter.

9           2.7   Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a  
10 matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its  
11 counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

12           2.8   House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this  
13 Action. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any  
14 other outside counsel.

15           2.9   Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation,  
16 association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

17           2.10   Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of  
18 a party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this  
19 Action and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are  
20 affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, and  
21 includes support staff.

22           2.11   Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers,  
23 directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, House Counsel, and  
24 Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

25           2.12   Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure  
26 or Discovery Material in this Action.

27           2.13   Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation  
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1 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing  
2 exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any  
3 form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

4 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is  
5 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

6 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery  
7 Material from a Producing Party.

### 8 3. SCOPE

9 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only  
10 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or  
11 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or  
12 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or  
13 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected  
14 Material.

15 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders  
16 of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material  
17 at trial.

### 18 4. DURATION

19 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality  
20 obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating  
21 Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final  
22 disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and  
23 defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment  
24 herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings,  
25 remands, trials, or reviews of this Action, including the time limits for filing  
26 any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

### 27 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

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1           5.1    Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for  
2   Protection.

3   Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection  
4   under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific  
5   material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating  
6   Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents,  
7   items, or oral or written communications that qualify so that other portions  
8   of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is  
9   not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

10          Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited.  
11   Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made  
12   for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case  
13   development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on  
14   other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

15          If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items  
16   that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that  
17   Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is  
18   withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

19          5.2    Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise  
20   provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below),  
21   or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that  
22   qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before  
23   the material is disclosed or produced.

24          Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

25          (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
26   documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
27   proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend  
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1 “CONFIDENTIAL” (hereinafter “CONFIDENTIAL legend”), to each page  
2 that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material  
3 on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly  
4 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the  
5 margins).

6 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for  
7 inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting  
8 Party has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced.  
9 During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made  
10 available for inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the  
11 inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced,  
12 the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof,  
13 qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified  
14 documents, the Producing Party must affix the “CONFIDENTIAL legend”  
15 to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of  
16 the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must  
17 clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
18 markings in the margins).

19 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party  
20 identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close  
21 of the deposition all protected testimony.

22 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary  
23 and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a  
24 prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the  
25 information is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or  
26 portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the  
27 extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).  
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1           5.3    Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an  
2 inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not,  
3 standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection  
4 under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation,  
5 the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material  
6 is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

7           6.    CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

8           6.1    Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a  
9 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's  
10 Scheduling Order.

11          6.2    Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the  
12 dispute resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

13          6.3    The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding  
14 shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for  
15 an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and  
16 burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions.  
17 Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality  
18 designation, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the  
19 level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's  
20 designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

21          7.    ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

22          7.1    Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material  
23 that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in  
24 connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to  
25 settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the  
26 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When  
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1 the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the  
2 provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

3 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving  
4 Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited  
5 to the persons authorized under this Order.

6 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless  
7 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating  
8 Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated  
9 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

10 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as  
11 well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is  
12 reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

13 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel)  
14 of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
15 Action;

16 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
17 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the  
18 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

19 (d) the court and its personnel;

20 (e) court reporters and their staff;

21 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional  
22 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who  
23 have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit  
24 A);

25 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or  
26 a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the  
27 information;  
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1 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in  
2 the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the  
3 deposing party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1  
4 hereto; and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential  
5 information unless they sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be  
6 Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or  
7 ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to  
8 depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the  
9 court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under  
10 this Stipulated Protective Order; and

11 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting  
12 personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in  
13 settlement discussions.

14 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED  
15 PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

16 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other  
17 litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in  
18 this Action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

19 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification  
20 shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

21 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or  
22 order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered  
23 by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such  
24 notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

25 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be  
26 pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.  
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1 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party  
2 served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information  
3 designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by  
4 the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has  
5 obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall  
6 bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its  
7 confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as  
8 authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a  
9 lawful directive from another court.

10 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO  
11 BE PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

12 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by  
13 a Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such  
14 information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is  
15 protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these  
16 provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking  
17 additional protections.

18 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request,  
19 to produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the  
20 Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-  
21 Party’s confidential information, then the Party shall:

22 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the  
23 Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a  
24 confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

25 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the  
26 Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s),  
27 and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and  
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1 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by  
2 the Non-Party, if requested.

3 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court  
4 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the  
5 Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information  
6 responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a  
7 protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its  
8 possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the  
9 Non-Party before a determination by the court. Absent a court order to the  
10 contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking  
11 protection in this court of its Protected Material.

12 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED  
13 MATERIAL

14 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has  
15 disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not  
16 authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must  
17 immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized  
18 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the  
19 Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized  
20 disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such  
21 person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be  
22 Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

23 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR  
24 OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

25 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain  
26 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other  
27 protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in  
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1 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended  
2 to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order  
3 that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to  
4 Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an  
5 agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information  
6 covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the  
7 parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order  
8 submitted to the court.

9 12. MISCELLANEOUS

10 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right  
11 of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

12 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of  
13 this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to  
14 object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not  
15 addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any  
16 right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material  
17 covered by this Protective Order.

18 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal  
19 any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected  
20 Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing  
21 the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to  
22 file Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving  
23 Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise  
24 instructed by the court.

25 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

26 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4,  
27 within 60-days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving  
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1 Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy  
2 such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes  
3 all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format  
4 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the  
5 Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit  
6 a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or  
7 entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by  
8 category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or  
9 destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any  
10 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing  
11 or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision,  
12 Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion  
13 papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda,  
14 correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work  
15 product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials  
16 contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or  
17 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set  
18 forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

19 14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all  
20 appropriate measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings  
21 and/or monetary sanctions.  
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23 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 DATED: 07/25/2019

/s/

Honorable Steve Kim

United States Magistrate Judge

1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of  
5 perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated  
6 Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the  
7 Central District of California on [date] in the case of ***Fredium Amir***  
8 ***Bahadori v. City of Torrance, et al., Case No. 2:18 CV 07907 CJC (SKx).***

9 I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated  
10 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so  
11 comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of  
12 contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any  
13 information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any  
14 person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this  
15 Order.

16 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District  
17 Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the  
18 terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement  
19 proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint

20 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address  
22 and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in  
23 connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of  
24 this Stipulated Protective Order.

25 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_